



Carlsbad Police Department

# PRESS RELEASE

<b>CRIME/INCIDENT:</b>	Off-Road injury and rescue	<b>CASE:</b>	06-6811
<b>DATE:</b>	08/15/06	<b>TIME:</b>	1914 hours
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Along dirt trails, off-road, new construction area of Faraday, near Melrose Dr. (near the Carlsbad/Vista border)		
<b>SUSPECT 1:</b>	n/a	<b>AGE:</b>	n/a
<b>SUSPECT 2:</b>	n/a	<b>AGE:</b>	n/a
<b>VICTIM 1:</b>	Durkin, Daniel	<b>AGE:</b>	39
<b>VICTIM 2:</b>	n/a	<b>AGE:</b>	n/a
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<p>On the listed date and time, Carlsbad dispatch received a 911 call from a cellular phone, indicating that there had been an injury bicycle accident off-road and that the victim, Durkin, was immobile. Durkin had been bicycling and fallen, impaling a branch through his leg. His bicycling partner had called 911 and left the phone with Durkin in an attempt to go get help.</p> <p>Carlsbad dispatchers confirmed the location via the cellular signal and sent officers and medics. San Diego Sheriff's ASTREA helicopter was contacted to assist in the search efforts.</p> <p>Carlsbad Police met the partner near Melrose Dr. and he led them to the victim in a brush area. Police led Vista Fire Dept. medics to the victim. Due to difficult terrain, ASTREA determined it would be best to land their airship, pick up Durkin, and transport the victim to the McClellan-Palomar Airport. The victim was brought up to the helicopter and ASTREA transported Durkin to a waiting Mercy Air ship at the airport, which then transported him for treatment. The injuries are not expected to be life-threatening. Durkin was conscious during the incident.</p>		
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